

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

WILLIAM R. LIVESAY, ET AL.

Docket: EV-1

Serial Number: 10/090,465

Group Art Unit: 1756

Filed: March 4, 2002

Examiner: Christopher G. Young

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MODIFICATION OF CHEMICALLY
AMPLIFIED PHOTORESIST BY ELECTRON BEAM EXPOSURE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003, applicant makes the following
election in response to the restriction requirement.

REMARKS

The Examiner has subjected this application to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has formed two groups of claims, Group I for claims 1-19 drawn to a method, and Group II for claims 20-22 drawn to an apparatus. The Examiner has asserted that these groups of claims represent distinct inventions and may properly be restricted. Applicants hereby provisionally elect claim Group I directed to claims 1-19 for examination. However, the restriction requirement is traversed. It should be noted, the Commissioner may statutorily require the election of inventions "If two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application." In the instant case the Examiner is alleging that the inventions of groups one and two are distinct, although absolutely no showing of such distinctness has been made.

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